(b) whether Government have also been asked by international human rights organization to implement the recommendations of UN committee regarding rising violence and discrimination against dalits in the country;

(c) if so, Government's response thereto;

(d) the total number of cases of violence and discrimination against dalits in the last year, State-wise; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH): (a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Identification of malnutrition levels

4254. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been carrying out any exercise to identify the levels of malnutrition and under-nourishment prevailing among the women and children population in rural, semi-urban and urban areas in the States;

(b) if so, the details of finding of such exercises in respect of Jharkhand State indicating the steps taken, if any, for augmentation of the levels; and

(c) if not, the method being relied upon by Government to ascretain the situation and for verification of the authenticity of data projected by various non-governmental organization, in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. Surveys conducted under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare identify the levels of malnutrition and under-nourishment prevalent among women and children. These are National Family Health Surveys conducted by the International Institute of Population Science, Mumbai; Diet and Nutrition surveys by the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) of Indian Council Medical Research (ICMR) and the District Level

Health Survey under Reproductive and Child Health Programme-II now under National Rural Health Mission.

(b) The findings relating to the nutritional status of women and children in Jharkhand State from NFHS-3 (2005-06) are as under:

(i) Prevalence of Malnutrition in children under 3 years

Particulars	As per NFHS-3 (2005-06)
Underweight	59%
Stunted	41%
Wasted	31%
Anaemia	77.7%
(ii) Nutritional status of Women	
Chronic Energy Dificiency in women	42.6%
Anaemia among women (15-49 years)	70.4%
Anaemia among pregnant women	68.4%

The Government is implementing a number of schemes throughout the country, including Jharkhand State, which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of women and children. Some of these are as under:

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(ii) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme) (Department of School Education and Literacy);

(iii) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent girls in 51 district to provide free foodgrains to under-nourished adolescent girls and pregnant and nursing mothers (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(iv) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(v) Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) including:

- Maternal Health by promoting institutional deliveries, improved coverage and quality of ante-natal care (ANC), skilled care to pregnant women, Post-partum care at Community level.
- Immunization.
- Intergrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses and malnutrition.
- Emphasis on Infant and Young Child Feeding.
- Specific Programmes to prevent and combat micronutrient deficiencies of Vitamin A and Iron and Folic Acid through Vitamin A Supplementation for children till the age of 5 year and Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation for preschool children, pregnant and lactating women. (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare);

(vi) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare);

(vii) Targetted Public Distribution System (Department of Food and Public Distribution);

(viii) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme/Swajaldhara and Total Sanitation Campaign; National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (Ministry of Rural Development).

(c) The question does not arise.

Poor condition of ICDS centres

4255. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that centres under Integrated Child Development Scheme are in poor condition in most of the States;

(b) if so, whether Government analyzed the reason for such poor implementation of ICDS;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government to improve the standard of these centres?